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**To:** James Bates [jbates@jbateslaw.com]  
**CC:** BERMAN, TESSA [Berman.Tessa@epa.gov]; George Pondella [gpondella@rossmoyneinc.com]  
**Subject:** RE: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire

Thank you, Jim!

George, please call me at your convenience at the number below.

Cheers,

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**From:** James Bates <jbates@jbateslaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2019 1:07 PM  
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Thanks Ben,

I just got off the phone with George Pondella. He said he will contact you directly. I am including George on this email.

Jim Bates

On Fri, Sep 20, 2019 at 12:18 PM Castellana, Ben <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Thank you for your quick reply!

Can you find out from your consultant whether all permits associated with the demo have been applied for, and what the status of that application process is? Alternatively, have him reach out to me directly, if you are ok with that. It's an imperative to our mission to get the soil removed before the rainy season, which is fast approaching. The soil removal is predicated on the removal of the structure on the 216 W. Slauson property. Please let me know if you start to have issues with the permitting process, and I can reach out to the agencies to let them know this is time-critical.

Sincerely,

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**From:** James Bates <[jbates@jbateslaw.com](mailto:jbates@jbateslaw.com)>

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Ben,

Thank you for your email. My client's contractor Rossmoyne, Inc. is also the contractor that my client intends on using to build a structure on the property. George Pondella is the principal at Rossmoyne and indicates that he may have worked with you before on another project. George is currently reviewing these issues and assisting the client with regard to construction of a replacement structure on the property.

I will get back to you next week with regard to comments on the Soil Excavation Work Plan and structure demolition. Rossmoyne indicates that we are waiting on demolition of the structure on the property until approximately October 7, 2019 when the 30 Day Notice period for demolition will have run.

Have a good weekend.

Jim Bates

On Fri, Sep 20, 2019 at 11:40 AM Castellana, Ben <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Bates,

Can you let me know the time frame for getting comments back on the Soil Excavation Work Plan and structure demolition? Do you have a consultant reviewing for both environmental and geotechnical concerns? EPA is limiting our comments to issues that fall within our jurisdiction, as is likely for the LARWQCB. There may be local regulatory issues that we do not comment on (most certainly geotechnical requirements for building new structures), and I would like to make sure that you are aware of that as we move forward.

Please feel free to reach out if you have further questions, or issues, especially with the Workplan and/or structure demolition.

Sincerely,

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